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**Final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s**

**Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly**

## Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Final Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolution 56/218 of 21 December 2001, in which it decided to establish an ad hoc committee of the whole of the General Assembly to conduct the final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and related initiatives,

*Recalling also* that, in its resolution 56/218, it further decided that the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole should meet in substantive session for a period of five working days, from 9 to 13 September 2002, and for three working days, from 7 to 9 October 2002, during the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly,

*Mindful* that the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly will close on Monday, 9 September, and that the fifty-seventh session will open on Tuesday, 10 September 2002,

*Taking into account* its decision 56/468 of 1 May 2002, in which it decided to hold an eight-day general debate at its fifty-seventh session, from Thursday, 12 September to Sunday, 15 September, and from Tuesday, 17 September, to Friday, 20 September 2002,

*Decides* that the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole should meet in substantive session for three working days, from Tuesday, 24 September, to Thursday, 26 September 2002, and for five working days from Monday, 7 October, to Friday, 11 October 2002.

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**Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly**

**Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly**

## Amendments to rules 30, 31 and 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolution 55/285 of 7 September 2001, entitled "Revitalization of the General Assembly; improving the efficiency of the General Assembly",

*Convinced* that a smooth transition between successive presidencies of the General Assembly and successive chairmanships of each of the Main Committees could usefully contribute to improving the work of the General Assembly,

1. *Decides*, for the purpose of the present resolution only, to waive the procedure set out in rule 163 of its rules of procedure, by which a committee would report on the amendments set out below;

2. *Decides* to amend rules 30, 31 and 99 of its rules of procedure as follows:

(a) The present rule 30 shall be replaced by the following text:

"*Elections*

**"Rule 30**

"Unless the General Assembly decides otherwise, the General Assembly shall elect a President and twenty-one Vice-Presidents at least three months before the opening of the session over which they are to preside. The President and the Vice-Presidents so elected will assume their functions only at the beginning of the session for which they are elected and shall hold office until the close of that session. The Vice-Presidents shall be elected after the election of the Chairmen of the six Main Committees referred to in rule 98, in such a way as to ensure the representative character of the General Committee."

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(b) The present rule 31 shall be replaced by the following text:

*"Temporary President*

**"Rule 31**

"If, at the opening of a session of the General Assembly, the President for that session has not yet been elected, in accordance with rule 30 above, the President of the previous session, or the chairman of that delegation from which the President of the previous session was elected, shall preside until the Assembly has elected a President."

(c) Paragraph (a) of the present rule 99 shall be replaced by the following text:

"All the Main Committees shall, at least three months before the opening of the session, elect a Chairman. Elections of the other officers provided for in rule 103 shall be held at the latest by the end of the first week of the session."

3. *Decides also* that, for the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly only, the President, the Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the Main Committees shall be elected at least two months before the opening of the session;

4. *Decides* that these amendments will enter into force on _____ 2002.[1]

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[1] Date of adoption of the resolution by the General Assembly.

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**High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development**

**Australia, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Russian Federation, United States of America and Venezuela: draft resolution**

## International Conference on Financing for Development

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 46/205 of 20 December 1991, 48/187 of 21 December 1993, 50/93 of 20 December 1995, 52/179 of 18 December 1997, 53/173 of 15 December 1998, 54/196 of 22 December 1999 and 55/213 of 20 December 2000 on the high-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 55/245 A of 21 March 2001 and 55/245 B of 25 July 2001 on convening the International Conference on Financing for Development, in which it accepted the offer of Mexico to host the Conference and decided that the Conference would be held in Monterrey, Mexico, from 18 to 22 March 2002,

*Recalling further* its resolution 56/210 of 21 December 2001 on the International Conference on Financing for Development, in which it stressed the importance of continued substantive consideration of the item on financing for development,

1. *Expresses* its profound gratitude to the Government of Mexico for having made it possible for the International Conference on Financing for Development to be held at Monterrey and for the support placed at the disposal of the Conference;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Conference;[1]

3. *Endorses* the Monterrey Consensus as adopted by the Conference on 22 March 2002;

[1] A/CONF.198/11.

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4. ***Stresses*** **the importance of keeping fully engaged, nationally, regionally and internationally, ensuring proper follow-up to the implementation of agreements and commitments reached at the Conference, and continuing to build bridges between development, finance, and trade organizations and initiatives, within the framework of the holistic agenda of the Conference;**

5. ***Requests*** **the Secretary-General to include in his report to the Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on the outcome of the Conference, as mandated in paragraph 3 of its resolution 56/210, measures taken as well as his proposals for ensuring effective secretariat support, in pursuance of paragraph 72 of the Monterrey Consensus, building on the innovative and participatory modalities and related coordination arrangements utilized in the preparations of the Conference.**

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**High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development**

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# International Conference on Financing for Development

**Addendum**

Add the following countries to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution:

**Andorra, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine**

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**Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

**Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms**

**Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Mexico, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution***

# Accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations in the Ad Hoc Committee established to Consider Proposals for a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention to Promote and Protect the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities

*The General Assembly*,

*Bearing in mind* its resolution 56/168 of 19 December 2001, in which the Assembly invites, inter alia, non-governmental organizations with an interest in the matter to make contributions to the work of the Ad Hoc Committee established to consider proposals for a comprehensive and integral international convention to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities,

*Welcoming* that the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 2002/61 encourages the Ad Hoc Committee to adopt working methods which allow for full participation by relevant non-governmental organizations in its deliberations,

1. *Decides* that accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the Ad Hoc Committee to consider proposals for a comprehensive and integral international convention to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities shall be granted to all non-governmental organizations enjoying consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

* In order for the General Assembly to take action on the present proposal, it will be necessary for the Assembly to decide to consider directly, in plenary meeting, agenda item 119 (b).

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2. *Further decides* that other non-governmental organizations, not accredited previously to the Ad Hoc Committee, may apply to the Secretariat for such accreditation. The applications should contain all the information on the competence of the organization and the relevance of its activities to the work of the Ad Hoc Committee listed in paragraph 44 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31. Regarding these applications, it further decides that:

(a) The Secretariat will circulate to all States members of the Ad Hoc Committee a list of new applications for accreditation received from non-governmental organizations no less than four weeks prior to each session of the Ad Hoc Committee, except for its first session, for which the Committee will consider applications received up to the beginning of and during the session;

(b) Accreditation will be granted in advance of the session in accordance with the procedures and time limits set out in paragraph 46 of resolution 1996/31, on a non-objection basis, except for the first session of the Ad Hoc Committee, for which the time limit for a State member of the Ad Hoc Committee for raising an objection is no later than seven days from receipt of each list;

(c) The Ad Hoc Committee at the beginning of each of its sessions will consider and take decisions on new applications against which a State member of the Ad Hoc Committee has raised an objection;

3. *Urges* relevant United Nations bodies, in recognition of the importance of the equitable geographical participation of non-governmental organizations in the Ad Hoc Committee to assist those non-governmental organizations that lack resources, in particular non-governmental organizations interested in the matter from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, to participate in the Ad Hoc Committee;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to disseminate widely to the community of non-governmental organizations all available information on accreditation procedures as well as information on supportive measures for participation in the Ad Hoc Committee;

5. *Decides* that representatives from non-governmental organizations accredited to the Ad Hoc Committee may participate in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee. The modalities of this participation will be decided by the Ad Hoc Committee during the first week of its first session;

6. *Decides* that the above arrangements will in no way create a precedent for other Ad Hoc Committees of the General Assembly.

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**Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee**

**Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms**

**Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Mexico, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution****

# Accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations in the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities

*The General Assembly*,

*Bearing in mind* its resolution 56/168 of 19 December 2001, in which it invited, inter alia, non-governmental organizations with an interest in the matter to make contributions to the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities,

*Welcoming* the fact that the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 2002/61 of 25 April 2002[1] encouraged the Ad Hoc Committee to adopt working methods that would allow for full participation by relevant non-governmental organizations in its deliberations,

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** In order for the General Assembly to take action on the present proposal, it will be necessary for the Assembly to decide to consider directly, in plenary meeting, agenda item 119 (b).

[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2002, Supplement No. 3* (E/2002/23), chap. II, sect. A.

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1. *Decides* that accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities shall be granted to all non-governmental organizations enjoying consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Also decides* that other non-governmental organizations, not accredited previously to the Ad Hoc Committee, may apply to the Secretariat for such accreditation, and that the applications should contain all the information on the competence of the organization and the relevance of its activities to the work of the Ad Hoc Committee specified in paragraph 44 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996; regarding those applications, it further decides that:

(a) The Secretariat shall circulate to all States members of the Ad Hoc Committee a list of new applications for accreditation received from non-governmental organizations no less than four weeks prior to each session of the Ad Hoc Committee, except for its first session, for which the Committee will consider applications received up to the beginning of and during the session;

(b) Accreditation shall be granted in advance of the session in accordance with the procedures and time limits set out in paragraph 46 of resolution 1996/31, on a non-objection basis, except for the first session of the Ad Hoc Committee, for which the time limit for the raising of an objection by a State member of the Ad Hoc Committee shall be no later than seven days from receipt of each list;

(c) The Ad Hoc Committee at the beginning of each of its sessions shall consider and take decisions on new applications against which a State member of the Ad Hoc Committee has raised an objection;

3. *Urges* relevant United Nations bodies, in recognition of the importance of the equitable geographical participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, to assist those non-governmental organizations that lack resources, in particular non-governmental organizations interested in the matter from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in participating in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to disseminate widely to the community of non-governmental organizations all available information on accreditation procedures as well as information on supportive measures for participation in the Ad Hoc Committee;

5. *Decides* that representatives from non-governmental organizations accredited to the Ad Hoc Committee may participate in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee and that the modalities of this participation will be decided by the Ad Hoc Committee during the first week of its first session;

6. *Also decides* that the above arrangements shall in no way create a precedent for other ad hoc committees of the General Assembly.

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**Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee**

**Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms**

**Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Mexico, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution**

# Accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations in the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities

**Addendum**

Add the following countries to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution:

Canada, Croatia, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, South Africa, Suriname

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